

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-6, 8, and 10-13 are pending in the present application, Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, and 8 having been amended. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is added.

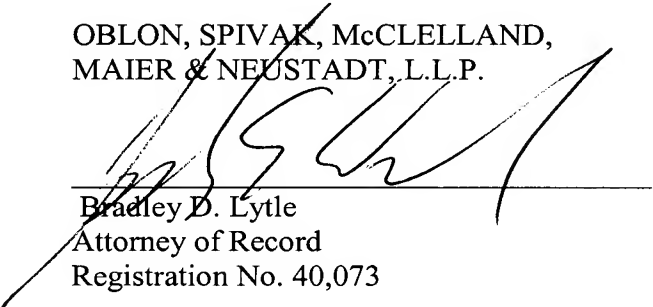
In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1 and 8 were objected to; and Claims 1-3, 5-6, 8, and 10-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, and Claims 1-6, 8, and 10-13 were otherwise indicated as including allowable subject matter.

The pending claims are amended to address the issues noted in the Office Action. Claims 2, 5, and 6 are amended to delete an "s" in line 1 of these claims that was inadvertently not covered by the strikethrough in the previously submitted response.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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